



## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Irene (Bender) Schauer

**Accession Date:** 20 July 2007; 8 July 2008

**Collection Number:** 025

**Quantity:** .25 linear feet

**Summary:** A collection of photographs ranging from family portraits to snapshots and newspaper clippings, mainly from the Ashley Tribune "Down Memory Lane" published during the 1970s.

**Languages:** English and German

### Links:

- [Interview with Irene \(Bender\) Schauer](#) (Dakota Memories Oral History Project)
- [Irene \(Bender\) Schauer Photo Album](#) (Dakota Memories Oral History Project)

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## BIOGRAPHY

Irene (Bender) Schauer was born on January 1, 1928 in Danzig, North Dakota to parents Fredrick and Emelia Bender. Irene also had four siblings: Walter (1915-2003), Arthur (1916-1921), Martha (1919-1987), and Arthur (1922-2010). On November 27, 1949, Irene married Elmer Schauer, and the couple had seven children: Bruce, Karen, Jeffrey, Russell, Randall, Kendall, and Jody. Irene had many jobs over her career. She was a farm worker, housewife,

secretary, bookkeeper, and co-owner, along with her husband, of Farmers Elevator Inc. in Wishek, North Dakota. Irene's husband Elmer died on May 20, 1987.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Irene (Bender) Schauer Collection** contains a number of photographs, photographic postcards, and newspaper clippings. The collection is comprised of three series: Newspaper, Photograph, and Calendar.

The [Newspaper Series](#) has forty-six newspaper clippings from the [Ashley Tribune](#) "Down Memory Lane," published during 1973 through 1978. The newspaper clippings contain images of people. There is also a clipping with a photograph and history, published in the Wishek newspaper for the Napoleon Centennial, June 14-17, 1984 and a clipping with a photograph of McIntosh Courthouse staff in Ashley circa 1932-1937. The images on the newspaper clippings include studio photographs of individuals, family, weddings, and sporting teams and snapshots of people, harvest, confirmation, and bands. The date on each image reflects the year in which the photograph was originally taken and not the date it was published in the newspaper.

The [Photograph Series](#) contains sixteen photographs which include some images of the Martin Bender, Sr. family, some of which are unidentified. The photographs also include portraits, photographic postcards, snapshots, and photocopies of weddings, families, people, and funerals.

The [Calendar Series](#) consists of nine pages from the Ashley Centennial Calendar in 1988. Each month includes an image on the back of it of an old photograph. Included are the calendar title page and the months of January, April, May, July, August, September, October, and November.

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- 2007.6.2.5 Johann Teske family, 1896
- 2007.6.2.6 Gottlieb, Sr. and Dorothea (Pfeifle) Joachim family, 1898
- 2007.6.2.7 Thomas Martz, Sr. family with three of ten children, circa 1896
- 2007.6.2.8 Gottlieb Nitschke family, 1903
- 2007.6.2.9 Johannes Gehring and his wife Fredericka Hermann, 1905
- 2007.6.2.10 Christian Gehring and his wife Sarah Schramm, 1905
- 2007.6.2.11 Johannes Maier with his wife and their four older children, circa 1904
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- 2007.6.2.14 Christ Merkel and wife Dora with their eight sons, 1910
- 2007.6.2.15 Martin and Christina Schnaible family, circa 1904-1908
- 2007.6.2.16 Wedding day of Albert Reiland and Elizabeth Theil, 1912
- 2007.6.2.17 Matt Gehring, Rosina (Gehring) Rau, and Fred Gehring, 1905
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- 2007.6.2.37 Wilhelm and Rosina (Schnable) Schumacker with their daughter Frida, circa 1927
- 2007.6.2.38 Band during July 4th celebration in Zeeland, 1912
- 2007.6.2.39 Harvesting with steam-powered threshing near Ashley, 1915
- 2007.6.2.40 Confirmation class of Zion I Church, 1917
- 2007.6.2.41 Summer Bible School at Ashley schoolhouse
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- 2007.6.2.43 Zion Lutheran Church's Orchestra, 1927
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- 2007.6.2.46 McIntosh Courthouse staff in Ashley, circa 1932-1937
- 2007.6.2.47 George and Katherine Haas family
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- 2007.6.2.49 Valentine and Philippina Boschee family, 1908
- 2007.6.2.50 Knoll sisters: Katharina Haas and Christina Miller

## **PHOTOGRAPH SERIES**

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### **Photographs 2007.6.1.1 – 2007.6.1.9**

- 2007.6.1.1 Unidentified wedding couple (circa 1911) – Venturia, ND
- 2007.6.1.2 Unidentified wedding couple (1883-1888) – South Russia
- 2007.6.1.3 Postcard with cameo portrait of unidentified young mother with toddler (circa 1915) – Venturia, ND
- 2007.6.1.4 Wedding portrait of unidentified couple (circa 1904) – Venturia, ND
- 2007.6.1.5 Family portrait of six unidentified children – South Russia
- 2007.6.1.6 Snapshot of older couple (circa 1938)
- 2007.6.1.7 Snapshot of white infant's casket set on box before view of unidentified parents with their three living children (circa 1910) – Logan County, ND
- 2007.6.1.8 Newspaper clipping with photograph of John Gross and Benedicta Laternus Gross, with their son Mathias (in military uniform) and daughter Clara – 1894
- 2007.6.1.9 Studio photograph of double-wedding of Fischer brothers in Eureka, SD (circa 1942-1948)

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### **Photographs 2008.4.1 – 2008.4.8**

- 2008.4.1 Photographic postcard of two men; one at left wearing dress shirt with suspenders, the other at right with collar, vest and coat

- 2008.4.2 Photographic postcard of young boy wearing white dress, short pants, dark stockings and shoes with bow at neck
- 2008.4.3 Cabinet photo of family of four: adult woman, two boys and young girl
- 2008.4.4 Photographic postcard of woman standing beside a car with a barn in background
- 2008.4.5 Photographic postcard of seated woman & standing man (circa 1900)
- 2008.4.6 Photographic postcard with seated man, standing woman and toddler seated between them on almost invisible stool (1913?)
- 2008.4.7 Photographic postcard of man and woman standing, second man seated (circa 1915)
- 2008.4.8 Cabinet photo of wedding couple – Ashley, ND

**CALENDAR SERIES**

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**Ashley Centennial Calendar, 1988**

- 2007.6.3.1 Ashley Centennial Calendar “title page”  
  
Front: image of the 1925-1926 Ashley high school men’s basketball team, “The Aces”  
  
Back: John Hoffman inside of the Hoffman Implement, 1923 (“Hoffman Implement”)
- 2007.6.3.2 Jacob Henne and his bride, circa 1910 (January: “The Groom and His Bride”)
- 2007.6.3.3 Schoolhouse about 9 miles northeast of Ashley, ND with teacher Harvey Christalow and the Rothfusz children: Andrew, John, Martin, Jacob, Frieda, and Fred; early 1900s (April: “One-Room Schoolhouses”)
- 2007.6.3.4 Gust Merkel, Fred Merkel, Ralph Merkel, Julius Merkel, and Christ Erlenbusch stand next to horses in front of a barn, 1916 (May: “True Horsepower”)

- 2007.6.3.5 Threshing crew (July: “Threshing Days”)
- 2007.6.3.6 Miss Carroll Spitzer’s 7th grade class in Ashley, ND, 1935 (August: “School Days”)
- 2007.6.3.7 Small house and a barn on the prairie. A man is sitting on the steps with his head in his hands and a young child stands nearby (September: “Loneliness”)
- 2007.6.3.8 Group of people gathered in front of the Ashley School which is on fire, 1913 (October: “The Fire of 1913”)
- 2007.6.3.9 Mrs. Jacob Landsiedel, Sr., Emma (Roeszler) Walker, proprietor Nate Auerbach, and Elizabeth (Spitzer) Pfahl inside the Auerbach Store in Ashley, ND; circa 1930s (November: “Auerbach Store”)